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PUC prepares for student research day

Don Lail
Staff Writer

Student research day is an opportunity for graduate students to present independent research projects orally or in poster presentation form.

It will be held March 23 in SUL for most of the day.

The undergraduate student awards will be presented after lunch to undergraduate students who are also working on independent research projects. This Student Research Day is only available to Purdue students.

Joseph Bularzik, director of the student research office, said there will be different student research projects and grants available to students.

Last year's attendance for the SRD was around 40.

"We are hoping to well exceed that...When the event began it was only available to science students," Bularzik said.

There are already over 20 people who have registered for the event. It will be open to students of all disciplines and the USRA awards will be presented to a student from each discipline.

The Student Research Office has coordinated two independent student research activities available to students.

The Undergraduate Research Grant Program will fund student research projects which will then be presented during SRD.

The Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation donates $2,000 directly to the student for participating.

The results of this research will also be displayed at the event. The first place award for student research on Student Research Day will be $300.

The Student Research Office is holding an event new to Purdue this year April 5.

All five locations: PUC, West Lafayette, North Central, Ft. Wayne and IUPUI will be participating in the student research event. This event is open to both graduates and undergraduates.

PUC winners from the USRA and graduate projects picked by the graduate office will be invited. Winners from this competition

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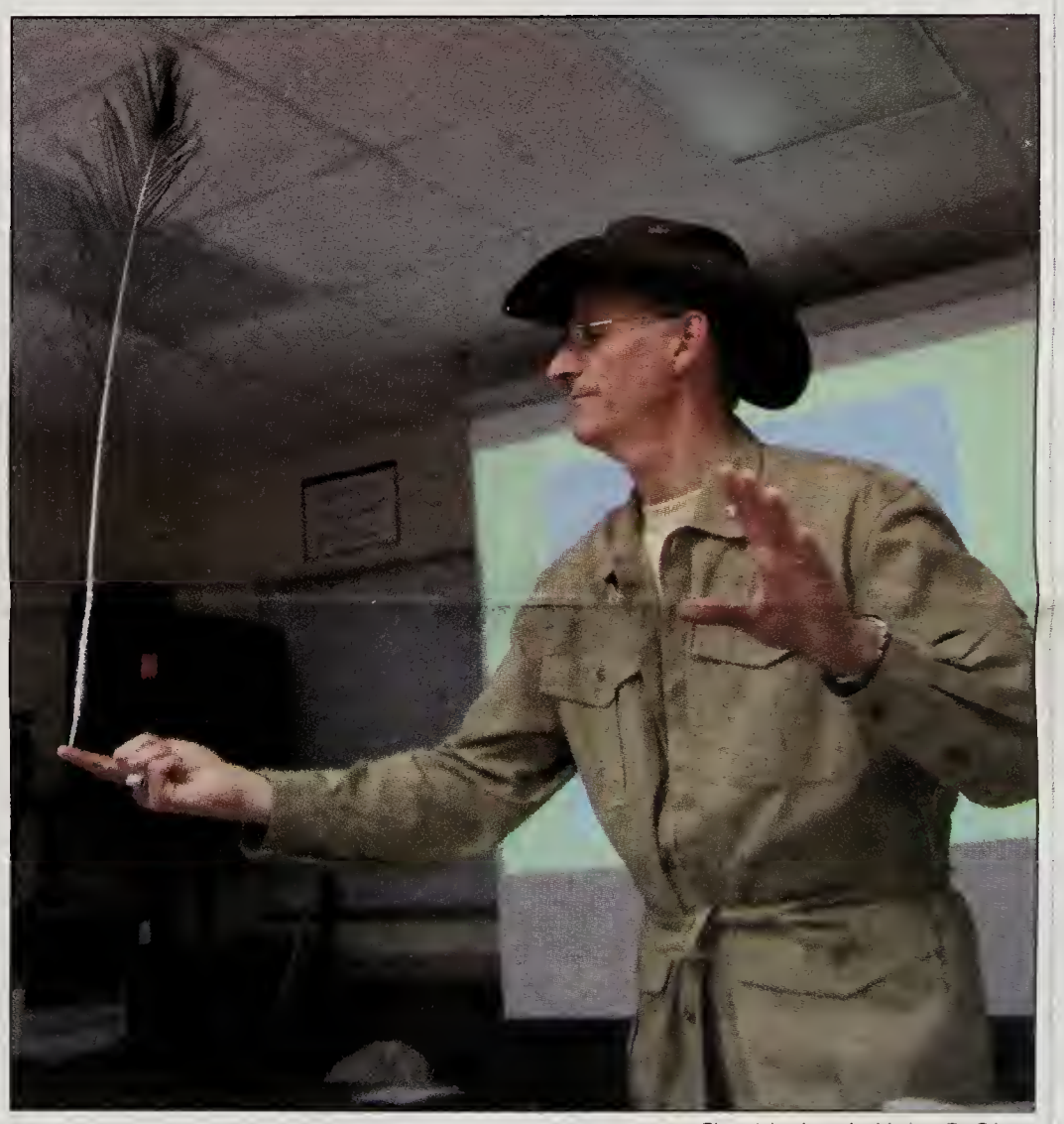
Author urges PUC to hunt its 'elephants'



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Matthew T. Berrafato motivates the crowd to go after their 'elephants' during his seminar, 'How to Hunt Elephants Lurking in Your Back Yard.'

Chronicle Staff Report

Matthew Berrafato, a professional speaker for more than 14 years, spoke at a seminar about self motivation and his new book 'Elephant Hunting: Discovering & Accomplishing Your Most Important Priorities in Life.'

The Feb. 20 "How to Hunt Elephants Lurking in Your Back Yard," discussed different types of motivation.

"There are two types of motivation, external and internal," Berrafato said.

He used the word elephant to describe people's dreams and unfulfilled passions. He said elephants are internal. Berrafato said his role as a hunter is to help people identify and begin to fulfill elephants. He said the biggest lie in life is a person never has enough time or money and he believes success depends on attitude.

"Sometimes you're the bug, and sometimes you're the windshield; it all depends on your perception," Berrafato said.

Berrafato listed six steps for accomplishing important tasks. The steps included brain storming and writing down the elephants, making a priority list of the most important tasks, getting organized and turning off the television.

Berrafato wants people to understand and separate the important "elephants" from other tasks and to always leave room for improvement.

Elephant Hunting:

Discovering & Accomplishing Your Most Important Priorities in Life

For more information on Matthew Berrafato and his book visit

http://www.elephanthunting.net/

Campus to undergo evaluation by Higher Learning Commission

Nicole Elischer
Staff Writer

PUC will be getting a comprehensive evaluation by two members from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The Higher Learning Commission schedules a campus visit every four years, this year's will come April 11-13.

"This accrediting association helps the campus by guiding us through an evaluation system concerning how our students learn, how we meet the mission of the university and how well we understand our students' needs," said Beth Pellicciotti, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said the process has helped with the school's strategic planning process as well as improve in other areas.

In May 2005, PUC sent a report to the Academic Quality Improvement Program, which sends back feedback about what is working and what opportunities are needed for the campus to improve. From there, faculty members of the campus formed committees, ranging from areas dealing with whether the school is meeting the needs of the students to improving institutional leadership and communication and gather data on improving these areas.

"Most of work that is needed in accessing the campus is decided as we move along and improve communication," said Regina Biddings-Muro, executive assistant to the chancellor for engagement at town hall meetings held Feb 21 and 22.

The meeting discussed AQIP's feedback to the campus and the purpose of the upcoming visit. Biddings-Muro was part of a committee focusing on performance evaluation and communication improvement and said while a system of sharing information with the various departments of the campus and community has been started, more has to be done to continue it so the information can be shared and learned from for the campus to grow and improve.

In addition to the upcoming visit, the Higher Learning Com-

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

Chancellor's Reading Circle
"The Lemon Tree" by Ida Rosenfeld and Ilil Arbel will be discussed by Renee Zubay Fife on Wednesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House. Interested students can visit SUL 104B (next to the game room) to sign and pick up a copy of the book.

Operation Night Café
On Feb. 26 at 4 p.m. there will be free coffee offered in the CLO Concourse. The coffee will be served while supplies last.

National Eating Disorder Week
A counseling center outreach table will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m on Feb. 26 and 27 in the SUL concourse and Feb. 28 and March 1 in the CLO Concourse.

For more information contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting
An Edge meeting will be held on March 1 at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information visit intervarsity-chicago.org.

'On Your Spring Break, Don't Let Your Substances Control You' workshop
The workshop is hosted by the Counseling Center and will take place on March 5 in Gyte 5 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event is free to all students with an ID.

For more information contact the Counseling Center at (219) 989-2366.

Seven Days of Alpha
The Tau Tau Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will be presenting the "7 Days of Alpha" from Feb. 26 to March 4. Flyers will be up with times and locations of activities.

Krispy Kreme donuts on sale
The Social Justice Club is having a Krispy Kreme Donuts fundraiser that will end March 1.

Pageant
The Tau Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is hosting a pageant for women to compete for a $500 scholarship and the crown for Miss Black and Gold 2007. The pageant will be held at IUN Savannah Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets are still available.

Music series
UPS Lunch time Music Series will be presenting the group, Brazz Tree, in Calumet Falls from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information on Brazz Tree visit www.brazztree.com/script/index

Meeting
A Student Organization Executive Board meeting will be held on March 9 from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Calumet Conference Center. Students interested in learning more about student organizations are encouraged to attend. Register at https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showallevents.asp

South Shore Arts
Spring classes for the South Shore Arts begin March 12 in Munster, Crown Point and Hammond. Classes for all ages in many media are available. For more information or to register call the South Shore Arts office at (219) 836-1839 or check out www.southshoreartsonline.org. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

'Right to Know Training'
"Right to Know Training" Feb. 6, SUL 321, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. presented by John Feeney, PUC Occupational Health & Safety Specialist, for all student employees. Contact Lorraine Fiordelisi, Career Services/Student Employment at (219) 989-2600.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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World News

40 killed in Baghdad suicide bombing

Mustansiriya University was attacked by a female bomber, who wore a vest packed with explosives and ball bearings. She blew herself up, taking at least 40 victims with her. Sadr City is close to the university and is resident primarily to Shiite. A speech given by non-supporters of the recent government security crackdown was given in the city.- New York Times

Iran continues nuclear program

Iran will not go back on its controversial nuclear program, said President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. A Deputy Foreign Minister said Iran was ready for any situation, including war. US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Iran is in need of a stop button.- BBC

Dahka crack down on corruption leads to arrest of several senior politicians

The interim government of Dahka, Bangledash recently administered a crackdown on corruption. Fifty people are suspected of corruption. Several former politicians were arrested because of suspicion. Ministers from the previous two Dahka governments were detained.- BBC

Iran rocket reportedly space capabilities

Iran claims to have developed a rocket capable of reaching space. They later said the rocket was for research and would not go into orbit. The premise of Iran launching a rocket into orbit would cause alarm abroad, according to experts.- BBC

Meeting on sanctions for Iran still non-compliant

Iran has remained defiant in its nuclear-enrichment policy. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, said the policy has no "reverse gear." The six crucial meetings will take place Monday in regards to the sanctions. – New York Times

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Suicide bomber kills 40

New York Times photo by Max Becherer

A pool of blood remains where a man collects body parts after a suicide bomber struck Sadr City, killing at least 40 people at Mustansiriya University. The motives for the bombing are not known, but the assailant was Shiite.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

Word Tips and Tricks

Whether you're writing a paper for class, or the next great American novel, Microsoft Word is probably what you're typing it up on. Word has a lot more features to it than simply showing text though, and today we are going to explore a few.

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- Click on Tools then click on Options and then click on the General Tab.
- Uncheck "Allow starting in Reading Layout," and Outlook now launches Word in Normal View when you open a Word attachment.

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- Click on Tools then click on Auto Correct then click on the Auto-Correct Tab.
- Uncheck the AutoCorrect items that you want to turn off.

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- Click on Insert then click on Page Numbers.
- Select the Position and Alignment for your page numbers from the drop down menu.
- Click the format button for finer control.

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- Click on View then click on Toolbars
- Select the toolbars you want to turn on.

More Tips and Tricks

These are not the only interesting things you can do with Microsoft Word. You can create dictionaries, set up style sheets, and more. You can find a list of many of theses tips and tricks as well as instructions on how to use them at http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis/ then just Ask CTIS.

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National News

Bias causes 23 evictions at De-Pauw University

A psychology professor gave a survey which described the Delta Zeta Sorority as "socially awkward." Since, the popularity of the sorority has gone down along with their reputation. Twenty- three were insufficiently committed and were asked to leave.- New York Times

Coal plant's production reduced

TXU Corporation is a Texas utility condemned by environmental groups but will abandon plans to build 8 of 11 coal plants to commit to a large amount of environmental measures, according to people involved in the negotiations. Carbon-dioxide emissions are planned to go down to what they were in 1990 by 2020. This change in the corporation's ideals of the environment is completely unprecedented by their past attitudes - New York Times

American death toll announced, Iraqi estimated

Earlier this month a poll was conducted which showed 3,100 Americans have died in the Iraq war. The amount of Iraqi's dead is not known but the current estimation is 54,000. The U.N. reports over 34,000 deaths in 2006 alone.- Chicago Tribune

Local News

Third teen tied to St. John arms thievery

Two teens were originally charged with breaking and entering in a St. John home. A third was recently convicted. The assailants stole $50,000 worth of fire arms, including rifles, shotguns and pistols from the home last month.- Post-Tribune

Ice storm covers northwest Indiana

11,000 people lost power due to the storm, in which freezing rain poured down on most counties in northwest Indiana. Duke Energy reported approximately 11,433 customers were without power at 10 p.m., including more than 5,000 in Clinton and Howard counties in the Kokomo area north of Indianapolis, according to information on the Web site.- Northwest Indiana Times

Political opposition for Hammond Mayor

Democratic Hammond mayor, Thomas McDermott Jr. will be faced with the candidacies of four opponents in the next mayoral race. The most heavily favored being the republican candidate Dennis Terry. Terry was a member of the staff from the former Hammond mayor, Dwayne Dedelow Jr. - Northwest Indiana Times

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Chinese New Year at PUC

Caitlin Ryder
Assistant News Editor

Four-hundred students, faculty members and people from surrounding towns celebrated Chinese New Year Feb. 24 in Alumni Hall.

The celebration has been going on since 1995 in the local community and used to be held at the Salvation Army but it has been attracting more people every year, which prompted the move to PUC last year.

Chenn Qian Zhou, professor and department head of mechanical engineering, said this was the first year students put together the whole celebration, complete with singing, dancing, games, a raffle and skits.

The NWI Chinese School and the community chorus contributed performances to the event.

"I am very proud of the students and their hard work," Zhou said.

Jianye Shao, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, controlled all of the decorations. He said about 30 students worked together in planning the event.

"Since there are a lot of Chinese students here, it feels amazing to bring something familiar to them from home," Shao said.

"This is one of many programs on campus that took a lot of energy putting together. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to understand other cultures and people," said Melinda Dalgarn, vice chancellor of student affairs.

The Chinese New Year differs from the Western New Year because the date it is celebrated on varies from year-to-year. But it always occurs in January or February. Chinese New Year celebration stretches over a period of 15 days and each day centers around a different theme.

Summer Huesng, a senior majoring in electrical engineering and an exchange student from south central China, said there are many different traditions in different parts of China but a very popular food tradition is dumplings.

The Chinese calendar has 12 different animals, making a different animal represent each year. It starts with a rat and ends with a pig. This is the year of the pig.

Nick Xu, a graduate student, believes something critical happens when the animal representing his birth year comes around the cycle again.

Chancellor Howard Cohen thought it was interesting to see the pig in China represent a loyal, strong friend for life.

"The only pig I know from American culture is Wilbur from Charlotte's Web. Having two new years has been really good to me," Cohen said.

Dinner and karaoke were also included in the festivities.

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

PUC rang in Chinese New Year last Saturday in Alumni hall with over 400 guests in attendance. It was the first time the celebration was completely designed by students.

Research day

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will also receive $500.

Bularzik is very happy with the events and sponsorship opportunities the Student Research Office makes available. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Nabil Ibrahim, has also been instrumental in the professional development of the endeavor. Bularzik urged students to participate in this year's event.

Higher Learning Commission

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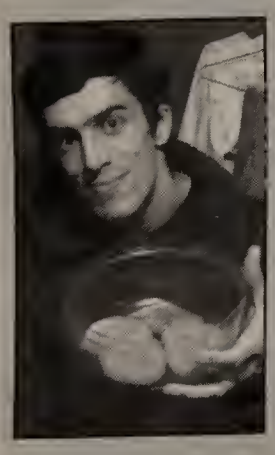
mission invites comments from the general public about substantive matters related to the quality of PUC or its academic programs The comments must be received by March 9 should include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Students and faculty dance under Alumni Hall stars

Chronicle photo by Derek Newell

'Dancing Under the Stars' ballroom dancing lessons were held last Wednesday in Alumni Hall, instructed by Anthony Coberg (left). The event was sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association. Participants were signed up as both singles and doubles.

Snow artist discovered



Mike Daniels

Last week the front page of The Chronicle featured snow art reading "I'm the l33t," found outside SUL.

The artist, Mike Daniels, is a sophomore majoring in broadcasting.

The word is pronounced "leet," and is short for "elite." It originated on the internet. l33t is the term for replacing letters with numbers or some characters which look similar. Daniels said he was letting the campus know, in computer code, that he is elite by writing it in the snow for all to see.

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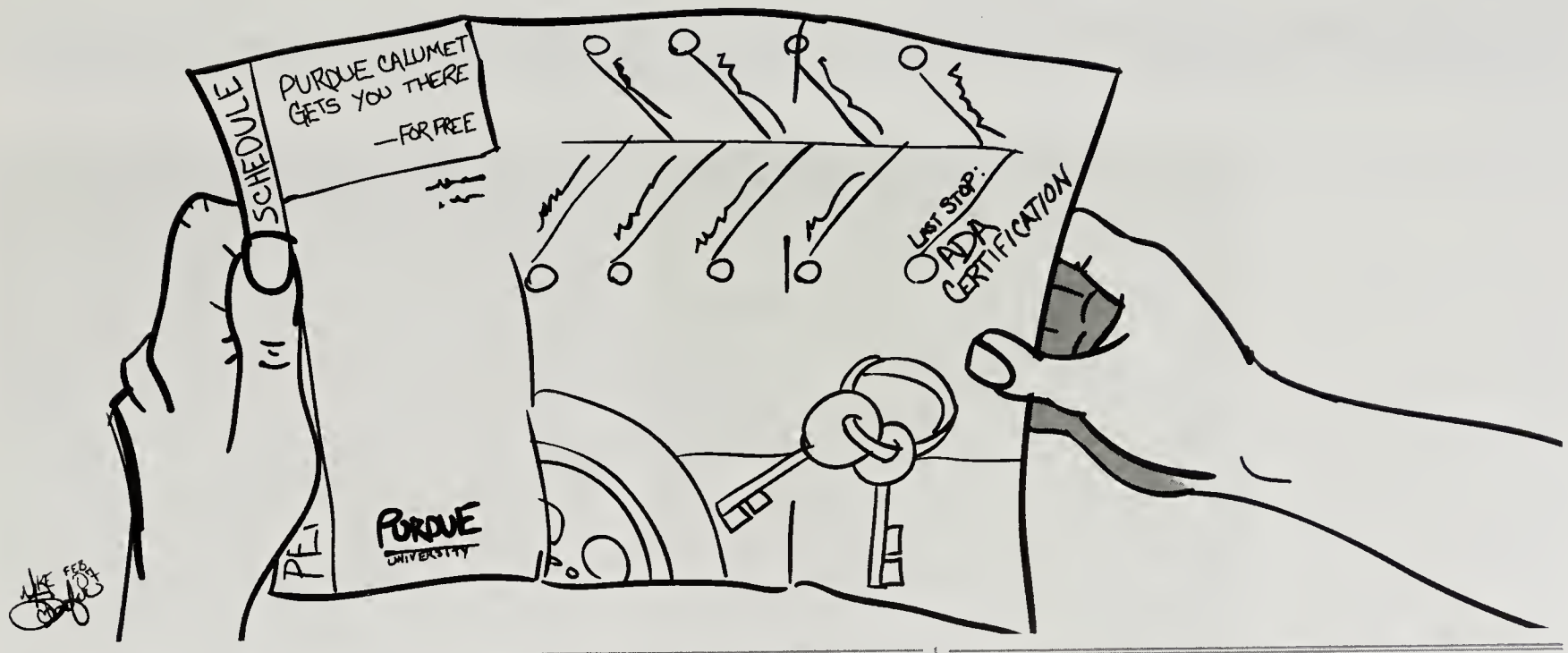

Who let the cows in the classroom?

Isabel Rodriguez
Entertainment Editor

PUC stopped selling gum on campus a few years ago. Improper disposal of gum and students defacing property caused increasing costs removing gum from campus property. No one could buy a stick of gum anywhere, including the vending machines or the book store. And to this day, they still don't sell it.

Good.

There's too many students (and a handful of faculty) grazing on campus, chewing like cows. These cows – I mean students – make their way into classrooms and disturb everyone with their bad habits.

Sure, people might have bad breath. Who doesn't? Or maybe those Bosco sticks left a taste of garlic. But it doesn't excuse loudly chewing gum with mouth wide open, or popping gum as a professor talks about what to study for the big exam worth 50 percent of your grade. It's one thing to chew a stick of gum quietly, but it's another to hear the glob slurped and swished around and become saturated with spit. Then the rude, disgusting noise is topped off with a loud pop.

Everyone is familiar with this inconsiderate person. Yes, he or she is the person sitting next to you in political science. Bored, this person resorts to playing with their wad of gum - distracting those who want hear the actual lecture and not their chewing. They usually end up throwing in another piece to the pile of five or so already in there.

The solution? Pop a tic-tac. Grab some of those Life-savers. Listerine strips work better than gum. If gum is the only way to go, at least be considerate of those around you. It's college and I'm pretty sure we're all capable of keeping our mouths closed when we eat or chew.

Now if only the university could ban chewing gum during lectures.

If most professors ban food and drinks, why not gum?

Letters to the editor

I just read the article regarding the snow plows and Hammond by Brandon Thomas. I am very angry with this article and with Thomas's ability to do his research. I am an employee of the city of Hammond and I took great offense to this. The reason I am so angry is becuase Indianapolis Blvd. is not owned by Hammond. Indianapolis Blvd. is also called Route 41. This means that it is a state highway. For Hammond to plow Indianapolis would be like Brandon coming over to my house to shovel my side walk. I wouldnt want to do someone elses job and I am sure niether would he. So next time you want to get mad at Hammod workers not plowing, first look at what street you're on. If your on Indianapolis or Calumet look for the yellow plow trucks and wonder where your state taxes are going.

"U.S. Route 41 is a north-south United States Highway that runs from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Miami, Florida."

Thank you very much,
Jonathan Parker
Sophomore, MET

Stop it. Just stop it. I don't lend much credence to school newspapers anyway, but I draw the line completely when everybody and their mamas decide to become fashion critics.

Do any of you actually think you're qualified to tell other adults how to dress? It's bad enough that Ms. Rodriguez feels the urge to insult people once a week with her overwhelmingly passive-aggressive "Fashion Don'ts," without the whole crew jumping on board to say that they, too, dislike everything anyone might wear to school.

Jade Lee Culberson's insightful "only stupid people wear shorts in winter," for instance. Well Ms. Culberson, not everyone has the same tolerance when it comes to weather. Some people don't feel cold in 30 degrees and some people don't feel hot in 90 degrees; that's the way it is. If you're one of those people that gets cold when you see the "underdressed," well, you're just going to have to learn to get over it.

As for the rest of you, so the members of The Chronicle staff don't like the Goth look on guys; I thought the model was adorable in makeup. So Isabel doesn't think men should wear fur; there are obviously a substantial number of students on this campus, both male and female, that think nothing's wrong with it.

Did she ever consider that the people who style these "fashion don'ts" as part of their look might get angry that some random girl has taken it upon herself to tell them they're lacking taste?

Did it occur to anyone that she's making complete strangers dislike her and the paper with her careless word choices? You must know that people stopped giving her any vestige of respect as a writer (or as a person with any sense) when she stated that pajama pants and flip-flops are college no-no's.

If she wants people to take her seriously, she's going to have to learn how to moderate her language and "article" content. Example: instead of having "fashion Don'ts", try the more neutral "fashion tips."

And Isabel, instead of using your opinion to determine these tips, try reading some fashion magazines first. The people paid to judge such things usually have some background experience.

Please try not to be too offended. I mean well, really. But these negative fashion articles need to either change or go away.

Crystal Watson
LASS senator
Junior, Psychology/Sociology

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Peregrine Express should have been ADA compliant since Fall

The issue: ***The Peregrine Express is not ADA compliant, despite early claims that it would be.***

Our opinion: ***The Peregrine Express should have been ADA compliant when it was introduced.***

In the February 19 issue of The Chronicle reported that the Peregrine Express bus system will be adding a new ADA compliant bus at the end of February. While it's great that there will be a bus that is handicapped accessible, there should not have been a single day where there was not an ADA compliant bus.

A semester and a half have passed since the Peregrine Express was introduced.

The fact that the original bus is not ADA compliant is shameful. Even more shameful- a press release dated August 22, 2006 said "the bus is ADA compliant," when the bus is not wheelchair accessible. In addition, the current bus schedule says that the bus is ADA compliant.

We asked representatives of SGA and Hoosier ADAPT if the bus was ADA compliant and they said it was not.

While working on the story "Peregrine Express: Riders Wanted," we asked if the bus was ADA compliant. The answer was no. It's a horrible oversight by the university and it's shameful.

Look around campus. A lot of our fellow students could really use an ADA compliant bus to help them get around. Some live in the dorms and don't have cars. For others, it would just be a convenient way to catch a movie, grab some groceries or visit the Mansards. It's only fair that they have the same access to the bus as everyone else.

Not having an ADA compliant bus is part of the same issue of there not being ADA compliant bathrooms in the entire Gyte building. The building has been there since 1951. While it's true that no one can be responsible for an oversight that took place over 50 years ago, the change should have been made before now.

Currently, the university is working on eradicating both problems, which deserves a pat on the back. It's great to see the university doing their best to serve all students. But what about those students who needed the bus last year and have graduated already? Even more, what about the 50 years worth of students who had to go all over campus to find a restroom that they could use?

An even bigger issue is the press release and bus schedule claiming that the bus is ADA compliant. We hope PUC keeps this in mind as they continue to add to the campus.

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Creative Comics makes it personal

Jade Lee Culberson
Senior Staff Writer

Many local card and comic shops in the area offer quality merchandise, but none offer the personal attention customers receive at Creative Comics in Griffith.

Owner James R. Rhone sells comic books, graphic novels, role-playing books, dice, card games and materials for preserving cards and comics. Creative Comics also carries figurines, t-shirts and other related merchandise.

Rhone opened Creative Comics in May 2003. He taught comic book art for 10 years prior to opening the shop and used the Griffith store as a place to give lessons in addition to selling merchandise. Now taught by Rhone's friend, comic art lessons for all ages are on Tuesday nights from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Rhone said owning a comic shop was something he always wanted to do.

"It's more of a hobby than a money-maker. I still keep my full-time job. I like coming here – it's not like a job," Rhone said.

For those who buy comics regularly, the shop offers a subscription service. Those who subscribe to between 1-29 comic books receive 10 percent off each new book and 20 percent off back issues. Anyone who subscribes to 30 or more comic books will receive 13 percent off new issues and 25 percent off back issues.

The shop has a slightly out-of-the-way Griffith location with hard access during peak traffic times, but is worth the effort to reach because it provides a comfortable environment for all interested in comics and gaming.

Crystal Kolasa, a freshman majoring in hospitality/tourism management, enjoys browsing at Creative Comics because of the pleasant environment. Kolasa added that she has – as most women who enjoy comics and/or gaming have – looked for comic shops where female customers are treated the same as male customers, not leered at or ignored.

With no employees, Rhone relies on help from friends who can help out with the shop occasionally so he can spend some time with his family. Rhone gets to know his customers individually.

"I like to make it more personal," Rhone said. "You get to hear everyone's story; you get to know people.

"I've made a lot of friends through the shop."

Brian J. Lynch, a Hammond resident, visits Creative Comics weekly and subscribes to approximately 20 comic books a month.

"It's not the largest shop I've ever been in and sometimes I have to dig through boxes to find what I'm looking for, but there's always a hidden gem to be found," Lynch said. "I've been reading comics since I was 8 years old, so I've been in quite a few shops – and I have to say, Jim's is hands-down the friendliest and most comfortable,"

Between people perusing the large selection of comics and the crowded tables of gamers, the small shop is often abuzz.

Creative Comics is host to weekly games of HeroClicks, Pirates, Magic: The Gathering, Yu-gi-oh and the Legend of the Five Rings. The games are open to everyone and generally have players ranging in age from 9 – 45, according to Rhone.

Those interested in learning about game tournaments, tournament prizes, special events, and the upcoming week's comic book release list should visit Creative *Comics*.

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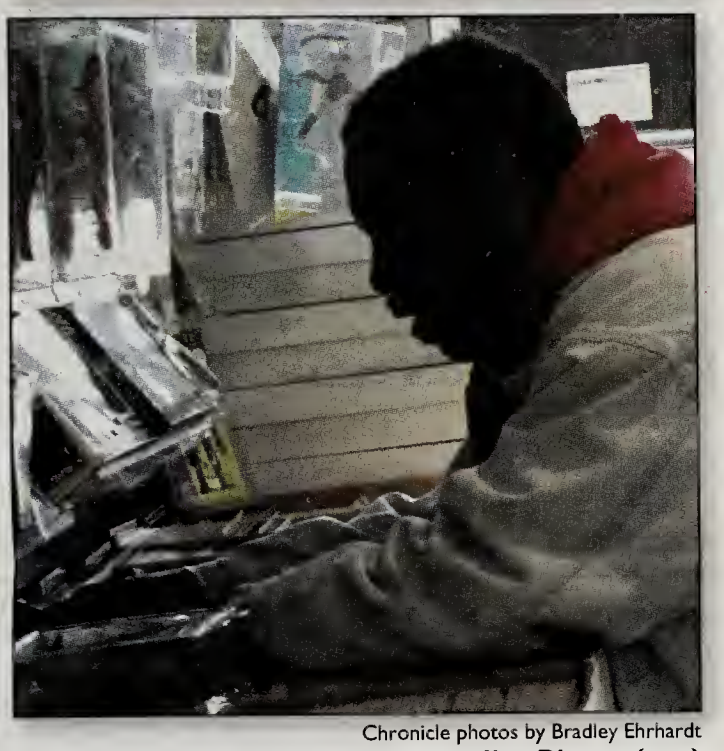

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Griffith's Creative Comics owner Jim Rhone (top) sees a decent amount of business since he opened Creative's doors four years ago. Michael Welch, an "off-and-on" comic collector of Hammond (above) has been shopping at Creative since they opened their doors.

15 sentences of FAME

Drop Everything and Dance

1. Everyone except for the drummer, Chris, is still in high school.
2. Their myspace URL is www.myspace.com/dropeverythinganddance.
3. They don't play shows very often.
4. The band's fans are from all music genres.
5. They are currently looking for a singer.
6. D.E.A.D. just released their first EP.
7. Their music appeals to the masses.
8. The band started playing for their family and friends.
9. They aren't playing for the pursuit of fame and glory.
10. One of their guitar players, Jimmy, is 5'5"-making him the shortest member in the band.
11. They think Jimmy is cute.
12. Then again, they believe they are all fairly attractive.
13. When puberty finally hits they want to grow beards.
14. The band works for low pay in order to have cheap ticket prices to reward fans for their continued support.
15. D.E.A.D. lets the music do the talking.

New York's Brazz Tree visits Calumet Falls

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Brazz Tree, from New York City, performed Wednesday at Calumet Falls. Brazz Tree consist of Mazz Swift on Fiddle and Brad Hammonds on guitar.

Not just another girl and horse movie

imdb.com

"Flicka," starring Alison Lohman and Tim McGraw, drags at times but is better than most would expect.

Kristen Hannagan
Assistant Entertainment Editor

"Flicka" had three strikes against it from the start.

It has Maria Bello — I disliked her character in "Secret Window." Tim McGraw's acting skills (in "Friday Night Lights") left me unimpressed and "Flicka" is about a horse. They are beautiful animals and while I do not wish them any harm but I am rather leery of them.

The DVD cover makes it look like a light-hearted story about a girl and her horse.

While there are moments like this, the main part of the movie deals with struggles, mainly struggling to stand up for what you believe in.

Katy McLaughlin (Alison Lohman) is Rob (McGraw) and Nell's (Bello) daughter. She attends boarding school, where she doesn't quite fit in. Katy is more comfortable being on the family ranch, wearing jeans and cowgirl shirts.

Home for the summer, Katy sneaks out for a late night horse ride. Her horse, Yankee, is spooked by a mountain lion and throws her off. A black Mustang horse (which Katy later names Flicka, meaning "pretty girl") comes to Katy's rescue and scares off the mountain lion.

Excited, Katy heads home to tell her family. In the mean time, her school had faxed a letter home telling her parents she'll be held behind if she does not finish an essay she had ample time to do.

This angers Rob because the family makes sacrifices for her to go to school and college. Katy is told she must help out around the ranch and finish her paper. Nell acts as a mediator for her family. While Katy helps out around the ranch, she brings Flicka back which causes a disruption with her family's other horses. Her dad doesn't want Katy to ride the "loco" thing, as he describes it.

Katy once again goes against her father's wishes and works to gain Flicka's trust during the night. Both Katy and Flicka are misunderstood by those around them—a reason why they bond so easily.

Katy eventually takes Flicka out for a ride and falls. Rob sells Flicka to the local rodeo manager, who plans on making her a rodeo star. This does not sit well with other members of her family because they know Rob knows it's wrong.

Katy and her brother Howard (Ryan Kwanten) enter the wild horse race at the rodeo in hopes they can win money and buy Flicka back. Katy dresses up as a boy so no one will recognize her and ends up riding Flicka in the race. The duo end up in a bad storm and get lost.

Director Michael Mayer does a good job bringing out the dynamics of the story; a daughter and father who are at odds, a family who holds onto their ranch while others are selling their land and a girl who believes in her beloved horse. While the story dragged at times, it's better than I thought it would be.

The DVD contains McGraw's music video for "My Little Girl," commentary from the director, deleted scenes and a gag reel.

"Flicka" is rated PG for some mild language.

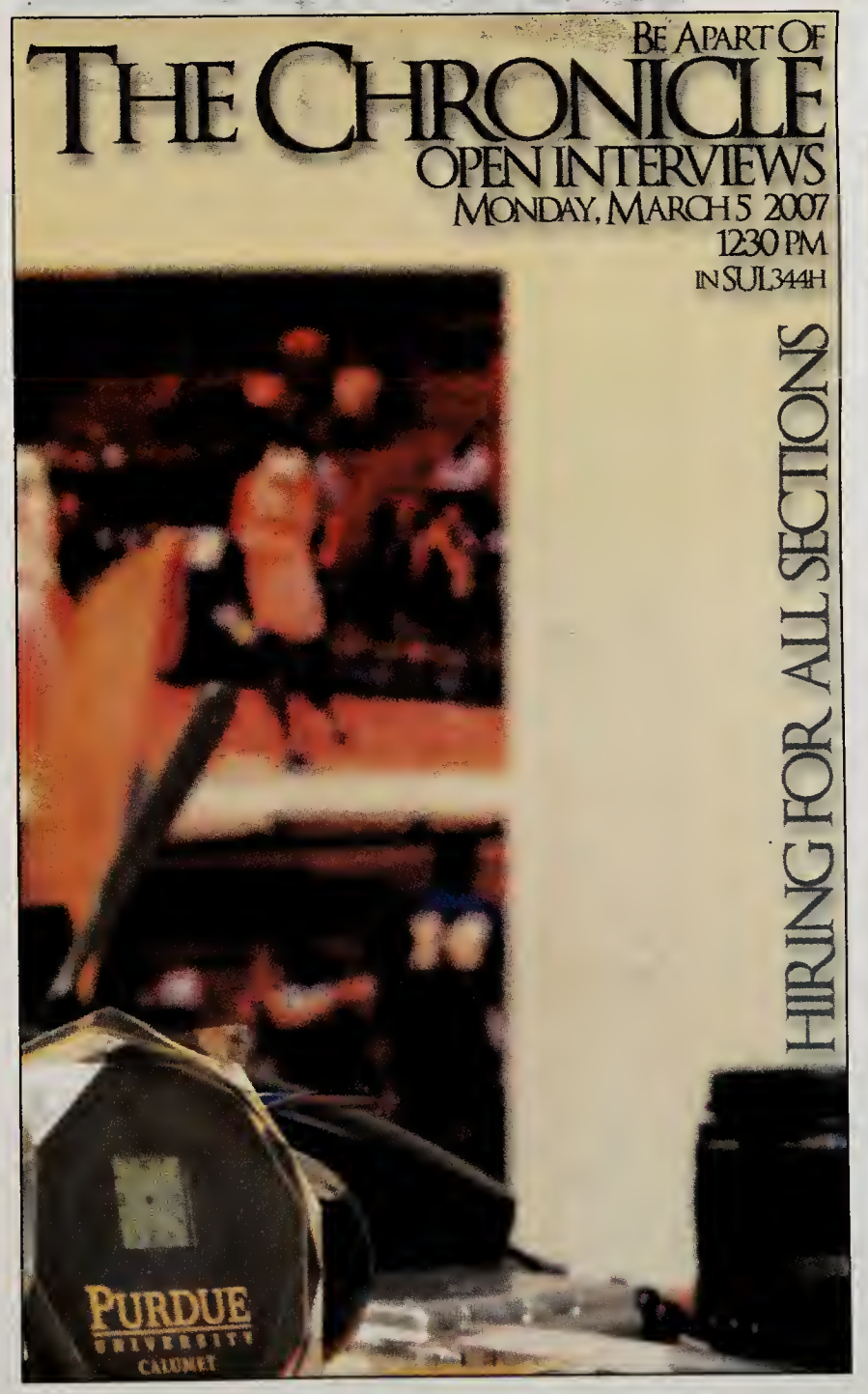
Check out our website

visit www.pucchronicle.com

for a movie trailer and more pictures

Overall rating

2 of 5 Zaps



DRM protection useless

Bryan Redeagle
Production Assistant

Feb. 6, Steve Jobs wrote an open letter to all music companies expressing his thoughts on Digital Rights Management. He stated, in his characteristic way, that the importance of iTunes DRM protection is marginal and he doesn't care because they'll be using iPod's to listen to music, anyhow. He proposed everyone should stop using DRM protection altogether. Though he makes it a general statement, Jobs is really targeting the music companies.

Jobs is basing his claim on the evidence that DRM music doesn't sell well, and this is where things get a little tricky. This is because there's two kinds of DRM – DRM managed and DRM protected.

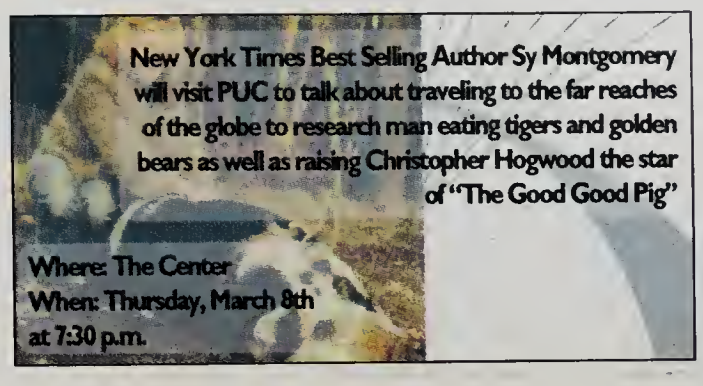
DRM protection is what most people are used to seeing and hearing about. Music sold on iTunes is DRM protected, but so is music sold for each of the Zune and Connect players. This, of course, makes music for one player incompatable for any other player.

DRM management is best described as the Content Scrambling System that DVDs use after you take out region codes. The rights of the movie are managed, not protected. This means you can enjoy a movie on any brand DVD player and not be hassled by the company. Jobs doesn't want DRM protection; he wants management.

This is where Leonardo Chiariglione comes in. Chiariglione is the chair for both the Moving Picture Experts Group and the Digital Media Project. Both groups try to respect the rights of content creators while creating less hassle for users. His response to Jobs is mostly an explaination of the difference between DRM protection and management but near the end he makes some good points.

He gives an example of good DRM management and protection through the Global System for Mobile Communication and how it's helped the cell phone business flourish. He goes on to say DRM management at this point in digital media isn't really necessary. But when it is, a standard will be needed for it to work, a standard that everyone can agree on.

I, for one, agree with the both of them. DRM protection is useless these days and we should be focusing on DRM management to get rid of the headache it's been causing people.


New York Times Best Selling Author Sy Montgomery will visit PUC to talk about traveling to the far reaches of the globe to research man eating tigers and golden bears as well as raising Christopher Hogwood the star of "The Good Good Pig"
Where: The Center
When: Thursday, March 8th
at 7:30 p.m.

Mad About Bert

Whatever happened to...?

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor

Around this time last semester The Chronicle staff decided to do a special section tentatively titled "Whatever happened to..." We spent a day making lists of has-been celebrities, one hit wonders and disappeared bands of recent years and set out to track them down.

You may be wondering why you never saw the section. It's simple - we couldn't do it. We had some trouble tracking people down, with one notable exception – The Chronicle tracked down former MTV VJ Jesse Camp, who works in a pet food store in Los Angeles.

Even stranger and an unexpected phenomenon, a lot of the people on my list (which was *largely made up of 1990's alternative rock* bands and TV stars of the same era) were still famous- or at least still making music, movies or guest starring on TV.

I knew the Cardigans were still around. They've moved on from "Kiss Me" and are taking the indie rock world by storm.

The fact that Veruca Salt, of "Volcano Girls" fame, are still recording came as somewhat of a surprise. Veruca Salt started a years long trend in my life- when I went to a concert, the opening band would almost always be broken up within 6 months. I was kryptonite to opening bands and Veruca Salt was my first casualty. Sometime and somewhat under the radar, they came back.

Remember Silverchair? Daniel Johns was an underage alt-rocker ten years ago. In a little over a month, the band will release a new album, after being under the radar for the last several years. From what I've heard so far, it's good.

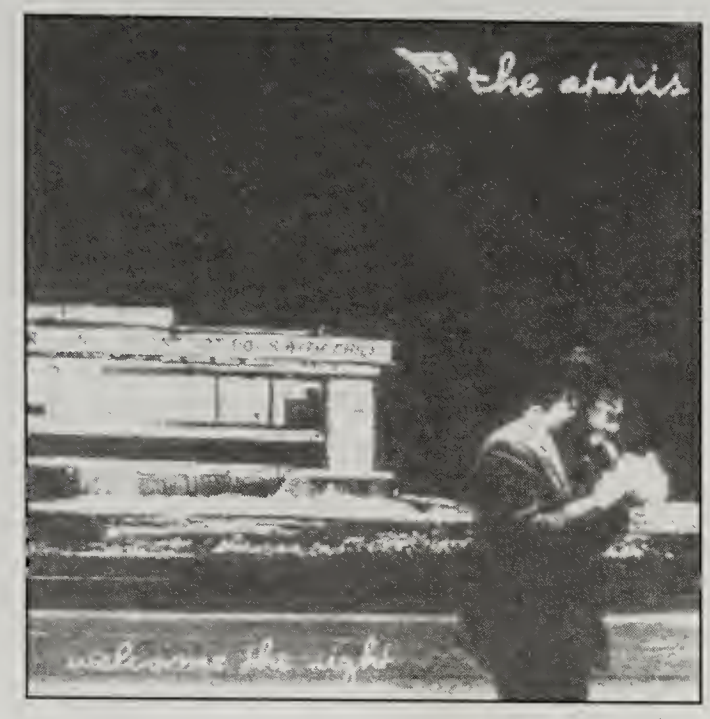
It's the same story over and over. With little to no fanfare, those acts we loved in the last decade are still around. In some cases (the Cardigans, in particular) the music they are making so far, far surpasses anything they did in the past. I can't wait for the new Silverchair album and I desperately long for the cash to check out Veruca Salt's new stuff.

In the mean time, I'll be hitting MySpace to see who else is still out there, making music years after I thought they were gone.

This week's CD review...

The Ataris- Welcome to the Night

Elizabeth Wilkinson
Managing Editor



myspace.com/ataris

The Ataris sixth album, "Welcome the Night," projects more emo beats and less of the punk or pop the band is known for.

"Welcome to the Night," is unlike anything the Ataris have released to date. This, their sixth studio album, takes the band even further down the road of discovering who they are as musicians.

Before the release of their last album, 2003's "So Long, Astoria," the Ataris were a pop- punk band with little to no radio play. "So Long, Astoria" saw the band lose some of their punk edge and the song "In this Diary" hit the radio. After "Astoria" (which hit number 20 on the billboard charts), there was speculation that the band was over.

Now, they have released another stellar, albeit different, album. "Welcome" has a definite emo edge. It's the perfect disc for a long drive to clear your head but not necessarily one to lift your spirits.

The stand out song on "Welcome" - "Not Capable of Love," kicks off the CD with a bang. The song shows the Ataris still have the song writing that makes them stand out among similar bands.

"The Cheyenne Line" isn't necessarily a bad song, but it doesn't keep the listener particularly engaged, either. It's the low point of the album but it's still a pretty high low point.

If you're looking for a continuation of "Astoria," this isn't the place to find it. Frontman Kristopher Roe recently ended a six-year relationship, according to the bands official site. It's easy to assume that Denise, who is mentioned lovingly on "Astoria," is no more. The love is gone and so are the messages to her. This is a more melancholy album, devoid of some of the hope found on "Astoria."

In "Welcome," the Ataris took a risk. While it may upset some diehard fans, this is still a strong album that is listenable and relatable. The risk should pay off in the end.

Overall CD rating:

ZAP! ZAP! ZAP! ZAP!

4 Out of 5 Zaps!

"Welcome to the Night" is currently on the bands MySpace www.myspace.com/theataris

The Ataris will perform at The Vic in Chicago March 13

Check out these new CD releases

Feb. 27

* We Got This- B.G. & The Chopper City Boyz

* The Essential John Denver- John Denver

* Serve & Collect- Slim Thug

* 15° Off Cool- Bill Engvail

* Let Love in (CD/DVD)- Goo Goo Dolls

* Zodiac- Original Soundtrack

* Slammin' Reggaeton Videos, Vol.2 (CD/DVD)- Various Artists

* 51 Must Have Modern Worship Songs

March 6

* Them vs. You vs. Me- Finger Eleven

* VH1 Classic Present: Metal Mania- Stripped, Vol.3- Various Artists

* Here was a Man: The Ultimate Gospel Collection- Johnny Cash

* Elvis Ultimate Gospel- Elvis Presley

* Love Songs [Metro]- Andrew Lloyd Webber

* Blue (Deluxe Edition)- Joni Mitchell

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Isabel's Fashion DON'T of the Week

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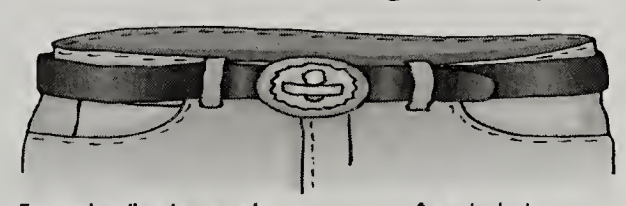

Free eating disorder screening will be available on-campus 11am-2pm.

Feb 26th - 27th in SUL Concourse
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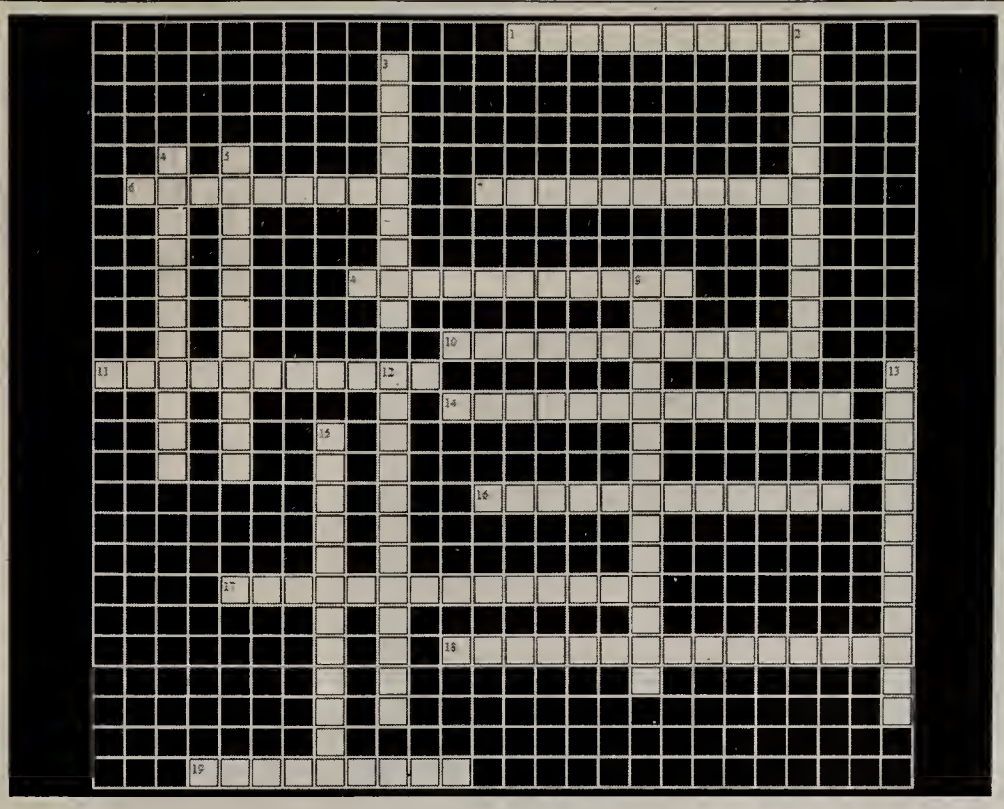

The Oscars

Across

1.His nervous breakdown was loosely the basis for the movie and album "The Wall"

6. Apologized publicly for picking up a prostitute

7. Arrested for shoplifting from Saks Fifth Avenue in 2001

8. Anna Nicole's designer friend

10. AKA Greasy Bear— though calling him a celebrity is a stretch

11. She doesn't do anything, but when she lost her dog it was big news

14. Famously shaved her head in public

16. In 1995, she crashed Kurt Loder's interview with Madonna- she was intoxicated

17. This youngest Brady boy was arrested for drunk driving in 1996

18. She willlikely be buried in the Bahamas, near her son Daniel

19. He landed in jail- and bad mughshot hall of fame- for driving under the influence

Down

2. "What you, talking 'bout" was directed at him- but the actor that played Willis had drug problems

3. He said..."I want your heart. I want to eat your children" in reference to Lennox Lewis

4. He threw a phone at a hotel employee

5. This family has more than 5 people who need some help

9. This Partridge bassist is the poster boy of child stardom gone wrong

12. Urinated on the Alamo while wearing his wife Sharon's dress

13. This famous daughter drove her car in the wrong direction on the highway and got arrested

15. "The Parent Trap" star has battled problems with alcohol, eating disorders and the partying life style

Chronicle Weather

Monday
Feb. 26
Snow Shower
34°/ 27°

Tuesday
Feb. 27
Mostly Cloudy
36°/ 28°

Wednesday
Feb. 28
AM Clouds/PM Sun
39°/ 34°

Thursday
Feb. 29
T-showers
43°/26°

Friday
Feb. 30
Rain/Snow Showers
34°/ 28°

Saturday
Feb. 31
Partly Cloudy
33°/ 25°

Sunday
March 1
Cloudy
38°/ 28°

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Sudoku

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			5			1		

PUCPD did not make the police blotter available in time to be printed. Please visit pucchronicle.com for updates this week.

THE CHRONICLE

We'll be holding open interviews for writersand photographers Monday, March 5 in SUL 344H, inside the student organization offices. All those interested are welcome and no experience is necessary.

A marathon finish

Casey Brandon
Chronicle Correspondant

The final game in the wallyball tournament turned out to be a marathon as Mike Duffula and Dan Bukowski defeated Chris Werner and John Castro to take the title Wednesday night in the REC Center. Normal games are best of three, but because of an earlier loss by Duffula and Bukowski the final match was best of six.

Duffula and Bukowski had to play more games in their quest for the championship because of an earlier loss.

Wallyball has been played as an intramural sport for four years and each spring a tournament is held. This year the tournament had eight teams enter into double elimination format and each team got the opportunity to play two games with a chance to advance even if they lost the first.

Wallyball is just like volleyball but it's played on a racketball court. With a smaller playing surface and the side walls being considered as inbound, it makes for an exciting up-tempo game. Minor rule changes, such as being able to attack the serve, were in effect also.

Matt Dudzik, sports coordinator, presides over the tournament each spring. Dudzik hinted that he might be able to organize another tournament in May but didn't know for sure.

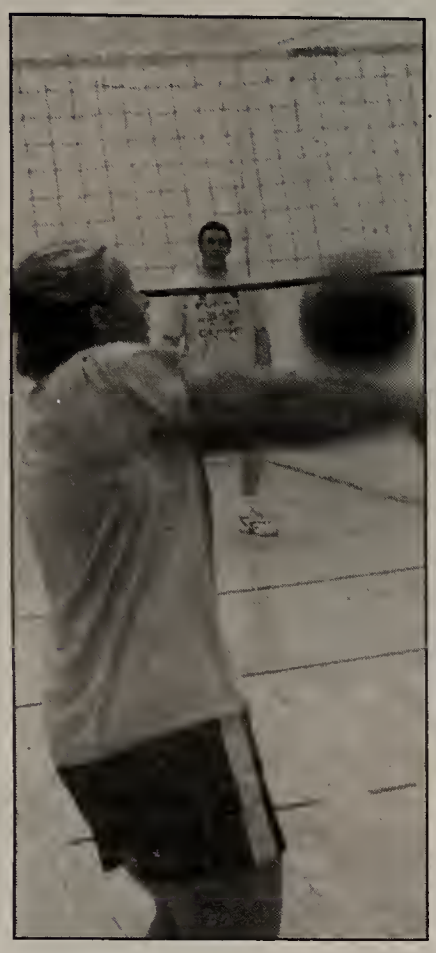
"Some teams are highly competitive, getting a start early by practicing before the big tournament," said Dudzik.

Nick Kalwinski, a grad student in communication, is a long time player of wallyball. Kalwinski said that he tries to play six months out of the year.

"Wallyball is a great sport. It combines a lot of different sports, regarding instincts and mobility. It's also a heck of a work out," said Kalwinski.

Yessenia Morales, a sophomore majoring in pre-veterinary/biology and Kate Dawson, a sophomore majoring in pre-physical therapy/biology, were first time players at the wallyball tournament.

Both said they were trying something new and hoped to have fun. Even after their team was eliminated both watched the tournament to its conclusion. They encourage more people to play next time.



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Amanda Levin bumps the ball to Dan Bukowski, her opponent, during the wallyball tournament held Wednesday night in the REC Center.

Women's basketball Division I CCAC standings

TEAM	TOTAL		CONFERENCE		
	W	L	W	L	GB
Saint Xavier University	26	2	11	1	----
Olivet Nazarene Univ.	18	2	11	1	----
University of St. Francis	17	13	8	4	3.0
Robert Morris College	16	14	6	6	5.0
Indiana University SB	8	21	4	8	7.0
PUC	6	23	1	11	10.0
Illinois Institute of Tech.	6	24	1	11	10.0

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NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE OR SO

The Chargers named Norv Turner their new head coach. Turner is very excited, as it's the first time he's had a chance to fail with a good team. Turner was a surprising choice - Rosie O'Donnell has a better chance at scoring with a football team.

Bridget Moynahan's publicist announced that Moynahan is pregnant with ex-boyfriend Tom Brady's baby. Moynahan is not speaking about the overly personal matter, keeping it between her, Brady and her publicist.

Barry Bonds reported to Giants' training camp this week. The press followed him everywhere, with the exception of the bathroom and the place he buys his steroids.

Alex Rodriguez said that he and Derek Jeter have grown apart. Despite the in-fighting, A-Rod will continue to play his hardest when the Yankees already have a five run lead.

Three marathon runners ran 4,000 miles across the Sahara Dessert in 111 days. Thankfully their opponents were all drowned in the sea.

In basketball, Charlotte Bobcats part-owner Michael Jordan says the team vows to spend what it takes to win. What it takes is buying a new basketball team.

During an argument about a karaoke competition, Liverpool striker Craig Bellamy hit a teammate with a golf club. Bellamy later apologized for both the golf club and his rendition of "It's Raining Men."

And HIV positive heavyweight Tommy Morrison has been medically cleared to fight some jerk who wants to fight a guy who is HIV positive. Morrison did not reveal who would be so stupid as to fight him, stating only that the opponent needed legal defense money and a few tattoos removed.

- Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Rich Ragains, Elliot Steingart and Chris Strait

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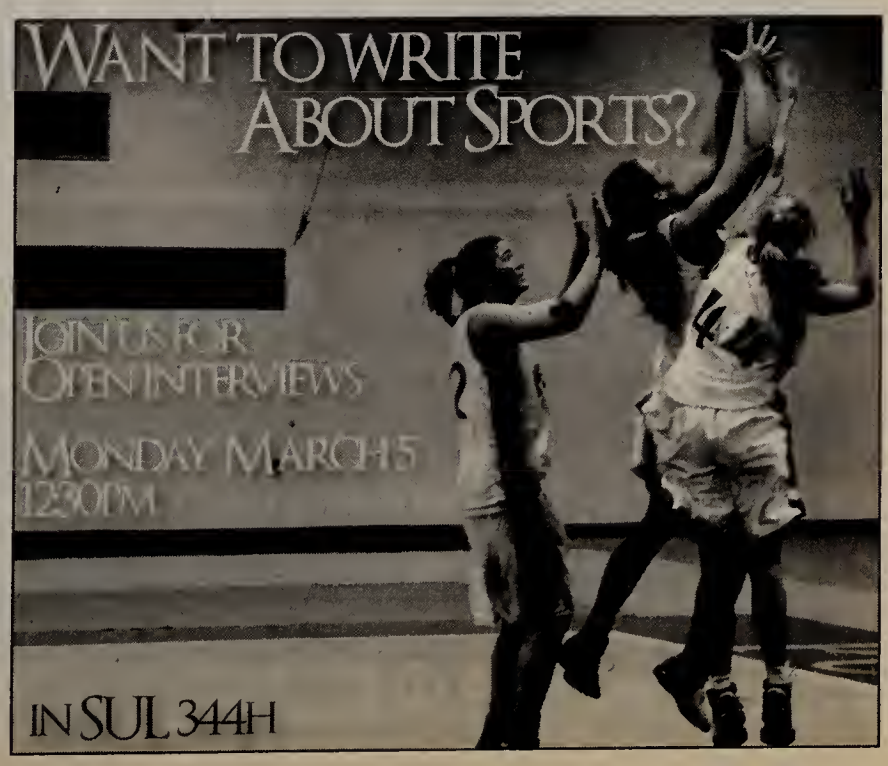

Intramural Volleyball has largest turnout ever

Joe Wielosinski
Staff writer

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Shannon Putchaven, a member of Two Drink Minimum, sends the ball back over the net to MC Dog during the intramural volleyball competition Thursday night.

The new season of intramural volleyball is underway and several exciting match-ups took place Thursday night in the REC Center Gym.

This year features the largest spring turnout ever, according to sports coordinator Matt Dudzik

"We have a total of 13 teams. The last two spring seasons we have only had nine. We usually have a drop off from our fall season to our spring season," said Dudzik. "Part of the reason why we have so many teams is that we had more promoting, we got a lot of teams to come back. The sport is really growing."

Players also seem to be excited about the large turnout.

"It's pretty good to see more people playing. It's a fun game that a lot of people didn't get to play in high school. I'm looking forward to a good season," said Joe Borys, a senior majoring in fitness management.

One of the big games on the South court was a rematch from last semester's championship game, pitting defending champion Hawaiian Punch against runner-up A Taint Away. Hawaiian Punch, with several returning players from their championship team, won the first game 18-15. They weren't able to continue though and dropped the next two games 21-11 and 21-12.

This Won't Last Long defeated the Bumpin Bears by scores of 21-10, 21-11 and 21-9.

Alex Flores, a junior majoring in fitness management, plays for This Won't Last Long and is excited about the season.

"We are a force to be reckoned with. Our captains are dominant," said Flores.

Bad News Bears, who competed in last seasons North Division Championship, won an aggressive match over the FCC Eagles by scores of 21-12, 21-14 and 21-13. A player from each of the teams was ejected after rough play.

Other action saw Villains II defeat the Eagles 22-20, 21-15 and 21-17. Big Dogs lost against 2 Drink Minimum 21-17, 21-13 and 21-15.

After Puns took the first game 21-19. Bump, Set, Spike II followed by winning the second but came up short of a complete victory after dropping the third and final set 21-19.

The PUC Spikers had a bye-week, which hasn't been a factor in past years for volleyball.

Volleyball will continue over the next three months with finals taking place May 10.

2007 Intramural Standings

Men's Soccer Standings (Week Three)

East Conference						
Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
EuroStars	3	0		6	45	12
Sofa King	2	1		4	20	23
Mean Machine	1	1	1	3	25	25
Plutonic Spavin	1	2		2	28	27
Ram Rod	0	3		0	12	53
West Conference						
Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Cardinals	3	0		6	50	14
Sprague	2	0	1	5	52	28
Los Changos	1	2		2	28	27
Atlantic FC	1	2		2	20	20
PUC Fire	0	3		0	16	55

Co-ed Bowling Standings (Week Two)

Team	PTS	Games	W	L
Nick & The Knockouts	6	2	2	0
Duck in Dot Eds	6	2	2	0
Pin Heads	6	2	2	0
Stooges	3	2	1	1
Knock 'em Dead	3	2	1	1
Gutter Pros	2	2	1	1
Hammond Bears	2	2	1	1
Bumper Bowlers	0	2	0	2
King Pins	0	2	0	2
Lablatt Blues	0	0	0	2

Co-ed Volleyball Standings (Week Two)

North Conference	Matches		Games		
Team	W	L	W	L	PTS
Bad News Bears 2	0		6	0	4
2 Dink Minimum 2	0		5	1	4
Puns	1		1	3	3 2
Bumpin Bears	0		2	1	5 0
Eagles	0		2	0	6 0
PUC Spikers	0		1	1	2 0

South Conference	Matches		Games		
Team	W	L	W	L	PTS
A Taint Away	2	0	5	1	4
This Won't Last...	2	0	5	1	4
Villains II	2	0	5	1	4
Big Dogs	1	1	2	4	2
FCC Eagles	0	2	1	5	0
Hawaiian Punch	0	2	2	4	0
Bump,Set,Spike II	0	1	1	2	0

5-on-5 Basketball (Week Two)

East	W	L	North	W	L
Dynasty	2	0	Descendants	2	0
Fubar	1	1	Gym Rats	2	0
EuroStars	1	1	Vendetta	1	1
12 Inch Larvae	0	2	Make it Rain	1	1
Bumble Bees	0	2	Magnums	0	2
West	**W**	**L**	**South**	**W**	**L**
Sofa King	2	0	Go Gettas	2	0
Da Franchise	1	1	Legends	1	1
Pextes	1	1	Da Cage	1	1
East Side War...	1	1	Who am I	1	1
New Style	1	1	Court Masters	1	1
PUC Go Getterz	0	2	Squad 4	0	2

Bush and Hardaway treated different by media

Brandon Thomas
News Editor

Tim Hardaway expressed his rather ignorant homophobia to the media and was met with great controversy for his words. Politicians like President George W. Bush, seem to be faced with much less conviction from the media when speaking similar words. These words are watered down from Hardaway's apparent hatred of homosexuals but this comes from both of them being prejudice.

"Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society," said Bush in an address calling for a ban on gay marriage.

Bush is scolded by liberals and other citizens intelligent enough to realize his overwhelming ignorance but is not faced with the general scrutiny received by athletes with the same view. Hardaway has been repeatedly abused over many sports and news shows across the nation.

The cause is public interest. A basketball player talking about gay-rights is talking about something he isn't supposed to know anything about, while politicians are supposed to give an informed decision to the public.

When a politician speaks of gay marriage, he has his popularity in mind. Many people who follow politics already know the Republican stance. The basketball player has no reason to discuss these opinions and is completely out of his ballpark when speaking of national issues.

Now there are two people who feel the same way. The one who plays professional sports is getting all of the bad attention because more people care about sports then politics in the United States. And the athlete is expected to shut up and play ball.

Politicians are not even held accountable for their words. Athletes receive fines when they speak inappropriately to the media, but there is nothing for politicians who give ill-informed decisions in front of the whole country.

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Ladies lose to USF

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Shannon Dugan (40) dribbles down the court and looks to pass the ball to teammate Sara Keilman inside the paint during Saturday's game against the University of St. Francis. Saturday's 69-47 loss was PUC's last game of the regular season.

Jessica Cochran
Sports Editor

In the last home game of her basketball career senior center Jessica Hamman led the Lady Peregrines in rebounds with 13 and two assists. Hamman is ranked number three in overall rebounds within the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference individual standings.

PUC (6-23, 1-11) hosted the University of St. Francis Lady Saints (17-13, 8-4) Saturday afternoon in their last game of the regular season. The Lady Peregrines put up a tough fight but the Lady Saints overpowered PUC on the scoreboard, finishing 69-47.

"They (USF) average 80 points a game and we didn't want to get into a running game with them and I don't think we did," said Head Coach Dennis Smith.

The Lady Peregrines came out strong and kept the lead close in the first half forcing USF to shoot from the perimeter. The Lady Saints took advantage and converted five of 11 3-pointers during the first half compared to PUC's two.

It was an aggressive and fast paced game at both ends, but bad passes and turnovers hurt the Lady Peregrines. PUC had a total of 26 turnovers while USF had only 16.

With the last few minutes of the half the Lady Saints broke away from PUC and led by 10 at the break.

"We just missed a lot of easy shots that hurt us throughout the game," said Smith.

The Lady Saints dominated the boards in the second half despite PUC's good defensive attempt.

Offensively PUC was able to get good passes inside the paint but couldn't manage to find the basket. The Lady Peregrines were able to break to within nine points of the lead midway through the second half, but that's as close as they were able to get.

Although both teams became sloppy as the clock wound down, USF ended the game 69-47.

Junior guard Linsey Smith led in Lady Peregrine scoring with 12 points, while Hamman followed close behind with 11. Only five of the eight players managed to put point on the board for PUC.

The Lady Peregrines will play Tuesday night on the road in the CCAC quarterfinals, with the possibility of the championship on Saturday.

"I'll miss my teammates and the physical aspect of being down at the post position," said Hamman.

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BOX SCORES

PUC (6-23, 1-11) vs. University of St. Francis (17-13, 8-4)

PUC

#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
23	LaKeisha Hurst	2	6	2	16
32	Sara Keilman	3	3	0	26
40	Shannon Dugan	9	3	5	37
22	Krystal Rigoni	0	1	0	10
44	Linsey Smith	12	3	1	37
10	Nicole Enright	0	1	0	10
13	Stephanie Peac...	9	6	6	31
50	Jessica Hamman	11	13	8	33
TOTALS		47	39	26	200

USF

#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
20	Jacqie Storm	7	5	1	28
23	Kellie Fazio	3	1	1	21
32	Kristina Yedinak	15	1	3	26
33	Katie Carls	6	2	4	22
42	Christine Walczak	17	9	0	22
10	Kara Grossklaus	0	0	0	12
24	Marquita Wood...	2	1	2	13
30	Anna Sears	7	4	2	22
34	Katrina Yedinak	8	3	2	18
44	Clara Graham	4	4	1	16
TOTALS		69	36	16	200

PUC (6-22, 1-10) vs. Illinois Institute of Tech. (6-23, 1-10)

PUC

#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
22	Krystal Rigoni	4	3	3	36
23	LaKeisha Hurst	10	6	6	30
32	Sara Keilman	6	1	4	17
40	Shannon Dugan	4	4	4	33
44	Linsey Smith	15	2	5	40
13	Stephanie Peac..	4	3	2	14
50	Jessica Hamman	13	9	4	30
10	Nicole Enright	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		56	28	29	200

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#	NAME	TP	RBD	TO	MIN
03	Jackie Puschkar	15	3	4	37
20	Polina Ivanova	16	5	3	33
23	Stephanie Herr...	5	4	3	38
24	Liz Blitz	0	2	2	15
25	Erin Pedersen	17	2	2	33
34	Kirsten Esben...	2	1	1	16
41	Allisyn Williams	5	3	1	28
TOTALS		60	20	17	200

Inside...her locker

#50 Jessica Hamman

1. Basketball shoes
2. Her stinky ankle braces
3. Lotion
4. Deodrant
5. Picture of her nephews
6. Tampons
7. Extra hair ties
8. A basketball
9. Full, half full and empty water bottles
10. Gum